

Local connection failure: please help

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I Have SQL Server 2000 local installed on a Windows XP SP2 machine, Dutch version.
SQL Server first connected fine via the default settings 'Use Windows Authentication'. I use it to test VB.Net practices, which went fine for a while. I am busy preparing for the 70-310 exam.

Then I had problems with a VB.Net (a webservice) application connecting to SQL server local. Via a newsgroup someone advised me to change the login to 'Use SQL Server Authentication'. I used the default password 'sa' and no password. I couldn't get any connection. I tried with 'Administrator', but no connection.
When I tried to set it back to 'Use Windows Authentication' I get the message 'Connection Failed, check SQL Server registration properties'.
When I tried to open the properties of the local SQL Server (LOCAL) (Windows NT) via the Enterprise Manager I get error 1069. I tried several usernames, nothing helps. I didn't change the default, so it should be 'sa' without a password?

Please help, I am stuck for days now.

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